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Dear Mr. Cox;

I am writing to urge you
not to let our airwaves, like so
many other vital things in our country,
be taken over by two or three
business people like the
Australian Murdoch. It seems
to me totally un-American going away
this attempt to take away the
local coverage all over our
country. I can't express to you well
but am sure you understand what

I am saying. ~~The~~ ^{the} companies
over us all belong to the public.
Not big business.

Thank you for giving
your best to preserve them.

Most sincerely,
Henry Wallace

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Dear Sir,

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Your rule change to authorize alterations to the American news media could allow our local television stations, newspapers, radio stations and cable providers to all be owned by one company. NBC, ABC, CBS and Fox could all have the same corporate leadership. The concentrated ownership could be truly destructive to our democracy.

After the FCC and Congress relaxed radio ownership rules, corporate giant Clear Channel Communications stepped in and bought hundreds of stations. Clear Channel has used its influence to support pro-war political rallies and conservative talk shows, keep anti-war songs off its stations, coerce musicians into playing free promotional concerts and bully them into performing at its preferred music venues. In many towns that formerly had a diverse array of radio options, Clear Channel is now the only thing to listen to.

Monopoly power is a dangerous thing and it is the FCC's duty to guard against it. The up and coming rule change could change the landscape for all media and welcome an era in which a few corporations control our access to news and entertainment. We need many media entities to keep each other honest and to provide the information and ideas that make a democracy materialize. Please don't allow this change to happen. We are counting on you!

Sincerely,

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